



Rev. James T. Fitzmaurice

December 3, 1948 - August 29, 2022

Guilford, NY-Father James T. Fitzmaurice passed on to eternal life on Monday August 29, 2022.

Son of the late James E. Fitzmaurice and Mary Fitzmaurice (Jones) of Albany. Brother of Margaret Pisani (Ronald) and Eileen Bridegroom (Fitzmaurice) . Uncle to Aaron Pisani (Zoe), Andrea Pisani, Ryan Bridegroom (Kerri), Katherine L'Etoile (Matthew) and Ian Bridegroom (Ashley Weaver). Great Uncle to Clara, Delaney, Thomas and Sylvia.

Father Jim graduated from Cardinal McCloskey Memorial High School in 1967. He went on to Siena College, where he graduated with a degree in Philosophy. Father Jim was a devoted educator, having taught at Xaverian Brothers High School in Boston MA before returning home to Albany to teach at his Alma Mater, now renamed Bishop Maginn High School.

In April of 1984 Father Jim was ordained into the Order of Friars Minor. After serving as a Franciscan for 13 years, Father Jim departed from the Franciscan order and was accepted into the ordinary of the Diocese of Albany. In 1998 Father Jim was assigned to Johnstown, serving the three parishes of St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's, and The Immaculate Conception. In 2007, Father Jim returned to the Albany area where many of his family and

friends resided. He served as Pastor of Christ the King Church in Guilderland, New York for 15 years, before retiring in December of 2021.

Father Jim had a deep love for his two dogs Wilson and Seamus, both of whom have passed on before him. Father Jim was a loyal Yankee fan, and never missed a game. He enjoyed spending time in both Cape Cod, and the Adirondacks. Above all, Father Jim loved his family. He was a caring man, and a wonderful pastor.

The Rite of Reception of the Body will be celebrated at 4:00 pm Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Christ the King Church, Westmere. Visitation with Father's family will then continue until 7:00 pm.

Father Jim's Concelebrated Funeral Mass will offered Friday, September 2, 2022 at 11:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere. The Mass can viewed at www.ctkparishny.org

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Reception of the Body

SEP 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. James T. Fitzmaurice*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peggy, Eileen and families,
I am so sorry for the loss of your brother, Father Jim.
Remembering the good times you all shared will help get you
through this difficult time. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Angela Schissler*

Angela T Schissler - September 05, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *To Father Jim's Family:
My father had to relocate to this area so that I could provide care for
he and my mother in 2005. He had spent 85 years in his hometown
parish, and was reluctant to have to go to a new one. However, the
parish at Christ the King and especially Fr. Jim we so welcoming to
my dad and mom. My father loved Fr. Jim's sense of humor and
their shared loved of the NY Yankees. Father visited my dad here in
my home, and had us laughing about stories of the youngsters he
was mentoring for First Communion. When my dad passed, Father
Jim drove all the way to Plattsburgh to be the first one at his wake. It
took my breath away and brought tears to my eyes. I will always
remember his kindness to my mom and dad. He truly lived his
Christian faith and his joy spread to many others.
Sincerely,
Monica Thomas*

Monica Thomas - September 05, 2022 at 01:30 PM

KK

“ Peggy Pisani and family,
Sorry to read about the passing of your brother, Father James Fitzmaurice. Our sincerest condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely, Charlie and Karen Kelefant

Karen M. Kelefant - September 03, 2022 at 12:51 PM

GH

“ Our family belongs to the former St. Patrick's Church in Johnstown, which is now Holy Trinity. We were fortunate enough to be one of Fr. Jim's neighbors since we live on the corner right across the street from the school. We met Fr. Jim many nights when he was on his nightly jaunts with the dogs. He also supported and comforted our family when my mom was struck with ALS. Our kids also enjoyed him and his sense of humor. His memory will certainly be part of our family history and cherished as well. Please know that his family and many friends will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Fr. Jim.

Gary & Lynne Henry - September 03, 2022 at 02:05 AM

BS

“ I have so many great memories of Father Jim. I smile every time I think about how he wore bunny ears on Easter and made the children laugh. He brought his dogs Wilson and then Seamus over to play with the kids every week after faith formation. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and had a true gift with making the word of God come alive. So many of his homilies spoke directly to me. His gift of humor was exceptional and everyone stayed until the end of mass to hear his joke. He had an exceptional life dedicated to serving others and we were blessed to have him as our priest for 15 years. He will be remembered with love for the impact he had on our parish & community. ❤️🙏

Brenda Stepnowski - September 02, 2022 at 06:49 PM

DI

So sorry that Father Jim has passed! He always had a smile for everyone, and a casual manner about him, so approachable. He will be missed by so many at CTK! My sympathy to all his family!

Dianne Iarossi - September 04, 2022 at 01:26 PM

CM

“ *My sincerest condolences to Father Jim's family. My daughter and son attended Christ the King School from early childhood to jr high and were very fond of him, as was I. He was very friendly and "realistic". When I shared the news of Father Jim's passing with my children who are now in their mid/late 20s, they said, "He was lovely" and "He was cool". He would bring the dogs into school and the gathering space at church, much to the delight of the students. His humor was legendary. A life well-lived for sure. God bless the family at this difficult time.*

Clare Mertz - September 02, 2022 at 10:41 AM

SA

“ *Father Jim had an extraordinary ability to help young people grow their faith. He consistently looked for opportunities to involve children in mass and in church events, giving them a sense of belonging and community at his parish. He even ended every mass with a joke. Father Jim, this one is for you:*

When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? We Noah guy.

I offer my deepest condolences to his family. Father Jim has made an impact on hundreds of lives and he will be greatly missed.

Sage Aarons - September 01, 2022 at 09:02 PM

TB

“ Please accept my sincere condolences upon your loss of Fr. Jim. Years ago we shared a graduate class at St. Rose while he was teaching at, I think McCloskey, and I at St. Patrick’s Catskills. We came to understand that we were part of the Hess-Jones family and he was acquainted with my Uncle, Fr. Tom Burke, OSA. While at Siena he subbed for our pastor at St. Mary’s in Coxsackie, a few times and we were able to share a few meals together. He was a tremendous individual at so many levels, and his family, his community, his church are all better because of him.
Thomas J. Burke

Thomas Burke - September 01, 2022 at 07:48 PM

KN

“ Fr. Fitz had such an impact on so many people, especially his time at Xaverian Brothers in Westwood where I got to know him. I will always cherish the year I got to work for Fr Fitz with the Campus Ministry group while I was battling cancer the year after I graduated. I learned so much!

Kevin Nowak - September 01, 2022 at 12:13 PM

JZ

“ Father Fitz was such a great influence on me as a student and many others during his time at Xaverian. He used to joke that he was an honorary member of our class of 96 as his four years at the school overlapped with ours. He had an ability to relate and connect with everyone he came in touch with. He will forever be missed.

Jon Zadrozny - August 31, 2022 at 09:23 PM

DL

“ Father Fitz was a wonderful colleague at Xaverian. Additionally, he had a great influence on my son. My son and I have nothing but fond memories of our time with him. May he Rest In Peace.
Dennis Lozzi

Dennis Lozzi - August 31, 2022 at 04:48 PM

MT

“ Fr. Fits worked at Xaverian Brothers High School when I first went to work there. He was a nice, caring man and I'm sure will be greatly missed.

Mary Taylor - August 31, 2022 at 03:06 PM

RB

“ I met Father through my mom. He was there for her when my father passed and he came out of retirement to do my mom's funeral. He did a beautiful mass for both my parents. Rest in Peace Father.

RoseMary Becallo - August 31, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. James T. Fitzmaurice.



August 31, 2022 at 11:35 AM

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of Father Jim Fitzmaurice. Father Jim was the heart and soul of our parish for 15 years, living up to the words inscribed above the doors to our church, "All are welcome here." Like others at Christ the King, we were welcomed back to the Church of our upbringing by Father, warmly and sincerely, into a vibrant church community. He will be greatly missed. Gerry and Helen Conway

Gerry Conway - August 31, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JP

“ No words can express the sorrow we feel in the loss of Fr. Jim. He was a wonderful boss, an outstanding compassionate and loving priest and an amazing friend to us and our children and their families. He has reached his ultimate goal and I am sure is resting in the arms of Our Lord. He shall be greatly missed but all those who loved him will have amazing memories to hold in their hearts of how he touched their lives. Our love goes out to his sisters and their families. Love, Ed & Jeannie Popp

Jeannie Popp - August 30, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ Such a wonderful man. Thoughts and prayers to his family. May you Rest In Peace Father Jim 🙏



jim & Sharon Hillier - August 30, 2022 at 09:48 PM

JO

“ *JoAnne Oram sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. James T. Fitzmaurice*



JoAnne Oram - August 30, 2022 at 08:17 PM

JO

“ *Have been new to the parish about 8 years now am certainly not a newbie. He was a man that was a priest that should be more of to continue on with the church. Went with a friend of mine to the blessing of the animals and he blessed Jeter and he loved hearing that name because of the team he supported. He was outgoing and made all welcome. Enjoyed when he walked arm in arm with a female that attends our church and he walked with her to the altar. This church and Father Jim represents what the Roman Catholic religion really is about. My granddaughter age 5 is the godchild of Father Matt and every once in awhile I would send him the silly joke that Father Jim would say. He needed a rest and God said to him it is time. He is in heaven no question about that and visiting all the ball parks he did not get to visit when he was here on earth. I am sad but he did his job and did it better than a lot of priests I have met in my time. JoAnne Oram*

JoAnne Oram - August 30, 2022 at 08:15 PM

MF

Fr. Jim was always so humble, grateful and caring. He welcomed everybody and was very easy to approach and so relatable. I am sure we had a lot more people attend Mass because they saw Fr. Jim in shorts and sandals more often than not. His Franciscan roots made others very comfortable around him. His jokes, his Yankees updates and his annual Ice cream Palm Sundae vs Sunday joke are his trademarks. It was always nice to hear about his St. James days and how much he loved his family. Our parish will miss him but our hearts go out to his family who he loved and adored who will feel the loss of "Jimmy", as you call him, greatly. We will pray for you.

Michael and Lois Keefrider and Family - August 30, 2022 at 08:59 PM

KD

Jimmy wasn't just a great guy or a priest you could truly believe in or feel totally at ease with, he was like family at our house, especially around the Holidays! I shared many an hour over drinks with Jim prior to his entry into the religious life and some of the most memorable laughs I will forever be able to relive, thanks to his overly generous personality! He was my brother's best friend and easy to see why! As we lose loved ones, we're reminded of those things we cherish most about them and then there are those who leave an unfillable hole, Jim is both of them! From our sight to God's arms rest in peace Jim!

Kevin Donnelly - August 31, 2022 at 07:17 AM

LD

Jimmy was my first communion partner at St James - though he was a year behind me and went to 23. Peg and Eileen - hugs to you and your family.

leslie dykeman - August 31, 2022 at 09:15 AM

AM

Rest in heavenly peace, "Fitzie", our St. James classmate. Barb H. and I paid you a surprise visit at the parish house several years ago when she was visiting the area. We were so happy to see you and had a lovely visit. You had just returned from the vet with one of your pups. Yup, shorts and sandals! Remember us to Fr. Murphy and even Sr. James Bernard! Blessings on all the family. Ann Yakel Moot

Ann Yakel Moot - August 31, 2022 at 11:02 AM

KM

Fr. Jim will most certainly be missed, I enjoyed him all his years at CTK.

KathyMcLaughlin-Wager

Kathy McLaughlin-Wager - August 31, 2022 at 01:15 PM

LJ

Father Jim was the reason me and my family joined Christ the King Church in Albany. He was a great priest and we were so sad to hear the news. May God rest his soul in peace. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family during this time.

Lina Abu Judom

Lina Abu Judom - August 31, 2022 at 03:03 PM

VS

What a great loss to all who knew Fr. Jim. As a teacher at Christ the King school I could always count on a warm smile and friendly greeting. I knew that he supported the mission of the school and was always a presence for the teachers and students. His spirit and faith will always be in our hearts.

Vivian Stuart - August 31, 2022 at 03:46 PM

AW

Peggy and Eileen

You probably don't remember me but our mothers were great friends. Mary would be so proud of Jim. She was a wonderful woman who took great pride in her children and endured her disability with great courage.

I attended Jim's first Mass at Siena and Mary was bursting with pride. My favorite story of Jim was when I got my first car he was too young to drive and just sat in it in the driveway for hours.

My deepest sympathies for your loss!

Anne Walsh. (daughter of Elinor Clarey Walsh)

Anne Walsh - September 02, 2022 at 11:15 PM

MD

Rarely is someone fortunate enough to have a lifelong friend. My brother Peter was one of those lucky ones. "Fitzie", as he was known in our family, and Peter were friends from the earliest school days through high school, college, seminary, adulthood and to these final days. Fitzie had a singular ability for making friends and for being a friend. He was all of the wonderful things people have written in tribute to him. We were blessed to have him in our lives, and we are all mourning his loss deeply.

Mary Beth (Pinky) Donnelly

Mary Beth Donnelly - September 03, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. James T. Fitzmaurice.*



August 30, 2022 at 06:47 PM